

# Kentucky Postsecondary Education Fact Sheet

## Laurel County



### General Population Data

	County	State	US
Total population	52,715	4,041,769	281,421,906
Median household income	\$27,015	\$33,672	\$41,994
Percent living in poverty	21.3%	14.3%	11.9%
Percent eligible for Medicaid	25.4%	17.5%	N/A
Estimated percent who do not have medical insurance	15.8%	13.3%	14.2%
Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election	58.8%	64.7%	88.7%
Unemployment rate 2004	5.4%	5.3%	5.5%

### Highest Level of Education

Less than a high school diploma or GED	35.4%	25.8%	20.3%
High school diploma or equivalent	35.3%	33.4%	28.6%
Bachelor's degree or above	9.7%	15.6%	22.3%
Number of additional bachelor's degree holders needed in this county for it to be at the US average			4,963

### College Readiness

	County	State
Average ACT Score	20.6	20.9
Percent underprepared in one or more academic subjects	45.7%	48.2%
Percent underprepared in math	37.8%	34.7%
Percent underprepared in English	25.5%	24.5%

### Educational Pipeline

Public high school graduates in 2004	458
Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005	1,651
GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005	106
Number of students from this county who entered postsecondary education in Fall 2004	335
Number of students from this county who earned a bachelor's degree in 2004-05	163

#### Notes:

Total population, median household income, percent living in poverty, and estimated percent who do not have medical insurance are all from the 2000 US Census.

Percent eligible for Medicaid is based on unpublished 2005 eligibility data from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department for Medicaid Services, and US census data.

Percent of registered voters who voted in the November 2004 election is from the State Board of Elections.

Unemployment rate 2004 is from the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training.

Employment by Sector information is 2004 data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The self-employed and certain other workers are not included, and some data have been withheld due to BLS confidentiality rules.

### Employment by Sector

	County	State
Agriculture, Mining & Other Nat. Resources	251	26,378
Manufacturing & Construction	4,701	346,875
Retail, Wholesale, Transportation & Utilities	5,884	368,755
Finance, Professional & Business Services	3,981	276,576
Education & Health Services	2,548	210,961
Government	3,859	289,987
Leisure, Hospitality and Other Services	2,629	206,240

### Undergraduate Enrollments

Institution	Alumni	Fall 2004 Enrollment
University of Kentucky	835	134
University of Louisville	70	34
Eastern Kentucky University	2,504	562
Kentucky State University	4	6
Morehead State University	120	19
Murray State University	11	0
Northern Kentucky University	57	3
Western Kentucky University	39	21
Kentucky Comm. & Tech. College System	997	1,026
Independent Colleges & Universities	1,568	217
Total from this county	6,205	2,022

### Financial Aid to Students from This County

Financial Aid Type	# Awards	Dollars
Federal Pell Awards	903	\$2,229,486
Federal Loans	836	\$4,023,057
Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarships	712	\$959,846
State Need Based Grants	732	\$1,009,644

Highest Level of Education information is from the 2000 US Census for those aged 18 and older.

College Readiness information is based on ACT or equivalent scores by 2001 and 2002 high school graduates who entered a Kentucky postsecondary institution in Fall 2002.

Public high school graduates in 2004 is from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Kentucky Adult Education enrollments in fiscal 2005 and GEDs awarded in fiscal 2005 are from Kentucky Adult Education.

Financial Aid to Students information is from the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority.

All other information is from the Council on Postsecondary Education.



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